GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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GOLD MEDAL IN KABBADI
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India bagged gold medal in Kabbadi in Busan, 14th Asian Games; and

(b) if so, the measures to be taken by the Government to make Kabbadi a popular and employment oriented game?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kabbadi is an indigenous game which is very popular in the rural areas of the country. In Kabbadi, India has won Gold Medals in 4 successive Asian Games in a row. However, the promotion of a game is, primiarily, the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF), in this case theAmateur Kabbadi Federation of India (AKFI)The Government is providing all admissible assistance to AKFI and Kabbadi has been kept in the `Priority` category for this purpose.

As regards the scope of employment generation, there is already a proivison for the appointment of meritourious sportspersons to Group `C` and `D` posts in relaxation of the procedure, in the Ministries/Deparments of the Government. For this, there is 5% quota for meritorious sportspersons of all disciplines including Kabbadi.

Apart from this, Public and Private sector units also provide suitable jobs to meritorious sportspersons as per their recruitment policy.